



This has been the strangest winter that I can remember for a long time. We sit on such good weather down here in town, yet just 60 miles west of here, they are having record snowfalls and have really had a tough winter, especially around Summit County and the northern reaches of the state. It never ceases to amaze me, the varied diversity that this great State of Colorado has to offer. I have had the privilege of traveling over a great deal of this great nation of ours and I can tell you that there are an awful lot of very pretty and scenic places from coast to coast and border to border. But when it is all said and done, I always come back home to Colorado and want to live nowhere else.

Well, I would certainly enjoy spending a lot of time in Alaska, especially if I was prospecting. I have actually prospected in Alaska in 2007 and cherish the memories and friends that I made there. And I have been to Canada many, many times and enjoy the people, the scenery, and especially the fishing there, though I have not had the opportunity to prospect there much. Oregon is a beautiful state and has a lot of gold, California has a little pull on me and a lot of gold, Arizona has some pull as well as some decent gold in places, Montana is just downright big any way you look at it and also has a little gold if you know where to look, Wyoming is a true favorite of mine, not a lot of gold, but I just can't handle all that incessant wind. Oklahoma is special to my heart for several reasons not having anything to do with gold, and the hardwood forests of New England have a majesty and beauty all their own, especially in the fall of the year, and there are a 100 other places that I am fond of as well. But Colorado seems to call me back whenever I have been anywhere else for even a couple of weeks. And we have gold here too..!

When I hear the words to "America the Beautiful", I cannot help but visualize all the areas of Colorado that I have been to. I have spent a great deal of my life driving this State where ever accessible and then hiking or backpacking where the roads were non existent. I have pretty much been everywhere from border to border and when I have stood on the top of a 14'er looking out at the world at my feet, I swear I have heard the words of that song playing clearly in my mind.

That is what I love so much about prospecting. Not just the looking for the gold and yes, the finding of it is a very satisfying thrill, but the overall experience of being out in the outdoors, feeling a kindred spirit with the flora and fauna, taking in the wonder of it all, enjoying the sights, the smell, and the feel of all that God has created, and merely basking in the glow of the experience. It leaves me in awe and truly humbled by my seemingly small existence in it.

And that, my friends, is why it is so important that we all be prepared to speak out in unity when the opportunity arrives to preserve our right to enjoy the public lands that belong to all of us, and to use them in a respectful way, and to defend those rights and privileges that are our birthright. If you don't feel some of those same things I have described, then you aren't getting out enough. We are so truly fortunate to live in this great country. I hope you agree...!

At the May meeting, we will again be showing the movie titled "How the Earth Was Made: America's Gold". We showed this film last January when we had the big snow storm and a lot of members were not able to make the meeting due to the severe weather. But this video is so good, it is worth showing again when, hopefully, some of those folks who have not yet seen it, will be able to attend. It is one of the best gold videos that I have ever seen and gives tremendous insight on **how gold occurs, where it comes from, and how we find it, past, present, and future.** This should be a "must see" by every prospector/miner.

And, that is the way I see it from here. So until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottom of your pans turn bright with that 'Yaller Gold'..!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com . Happy prospecting!!!

The V.P. Corner by Don Bray

A Brief History of the Brief Life of the Calumet Iron Mine

General William Jackson Palmer with, his friend and partner, Dr. William Bell and a few others founded the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad (D&RG) in 1870, as a narrow gauge line running south out of Denver. In December of 1879 they consolidated several subsidiaries to form the Colorado Coal and Iron Company (CC&I) later known as Colorado Fuel and Iron (CF&I). CC&I built a steel-producing mill at Pueblo with its blast furnace coming on-line in September 1881. The D&RG and CC&I were sister companies, having common ownership groups, therefore mutually assisted each other. The D&RG hauled CC&I iron ore, coal and limestone to feed the blast furnace that produced the steel rails to feed expansion of the railroad.



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In 1879 two little known prospectors named George L. Smith and Nicholas Creede found the iron ore vein, that was to become the Calumet Iron Mine, about 14 miles northeast of present day Salida. They apparently were more interested in gold and silver than iron. This team later became famous for their location of the Holy Moses (silver) Mine near present day Creede. Patrick Cassiday, a friend of George Smith and acting on information provided by George, filed two claims, Calumet No. 1 and Calumet No. 2, in January 1880.

By May of 1880 the D&RG had laid track to present day Salida and had founded a town there and named it "South Arkansas". The citizens changed the town's name to "Salida" in March 1881.

In June 1881, before CC&I had consummated the purchase of the Calumet Mine from the original claimants, the D&RG started construction of a branch line from their main line at Hecla Junction to the mine. The route followed what today is known as Railroad Gulch and is 7 miles long from Hecla Junction to the mine. The route is very steep, 7% grade most of the way, and at the bottom of a 200 feet deep canyon that is barely wide enough for the engines and cars. The canyon has several very sharp curves that the train must negotiate. This route was very expensive to build for the railroad and took twice as long to complete when compared to the original estimate. This branch was completed and the first train arrived at the mine in late November 1881. This branch was known as the Calumet Branch of the D&RG.

By July 1881 miners working for CC&I at the Calumet were 162 feet into the mountain. Initially the ore graded at 60% iron and was relatively low in sulfur, both desirable traits. Mining was being done by the room and pillar method with the rooms being huge and some having 100 foot ceilings. By September 1882 the miners were producing more ore than they ever had and were averaging between ten and fifteen, five ton, cars each day. Production from the Calumet continued though the 1880's at a good pace but began slow in the 1890's when the sulfur content began to increase. Additionally, CC&I had developed a second ore mine in the San Luis Valley, the Orient Mine. Its ore while lower in iron content was also lower in sulfur content when compared to that of the Calumet making the Orient ore easier to turn into steel. Slowly the Orient ore gained prominence. By September 1897 the Calumet ore's iron content had dropped to 43% and its sulfur had significantly increased such that CF&I (CC&I had become CF&I in 1892) halted production and closed the mine. The mine was reopened in mid 1898 on a limited fashion and was permanently closed in April 14, 1899. In eighteen years of operation the Calumet produced 239,363 tons of magnetite iron ore.

After closure of the Calumet a couple of groups leased the mine in hopes of uncovering gold as gold mines existed about three miles away, to the west, at Turret, but to no avail. On August 3, 1901 a tremendous rain came to the area and created a flash flood 20 to 30 feet deep down Railroad Gulch washing away all the railroad bridges, much of the track and bed, and burying the intact track and bed in mountains of debris. The Calumet Branch was never rebuilt.

Over the years the Calumet has become a well-known locality for museum quality mineral specimens of epidote crystals in addition to magnetite, garnet, corundum, calcite and quartz specimens. Since its closure the mine has been left to the geology students and "rockhounds" that visit each year. In 1994 Bryan Lees of Collector's Edge Minerals in Golden, CO leased the property for a couple of years in the search for quality mineral specimens. Today the mine remains all but abandoned however under the control of a local pioneer ranching family.

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From the Ledger of Peg Brozek, Treasurer/Secretary

Thanks again to Phil Huff, JJ Long, Joe Johnson, Lloyd Lauck and Mike Hurtado for their contributions to the member only drawing at the April meeting.

This month's drawing will have a total of 7.9 grams, with the largest being 2.8 grams. Don't forget about the special nugget, so be prepared to buy extra tickets. Good luck to all.

Miners and Nature Lovers Work Together!!! (CLUB OUTING)

In association with the Wild Bear Center for Nature Discovery, GPOR will be holding its first "Clean Up Nederland" outing on the creek at Nederland City Park on Sunday, June 5th between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Bring dredge, sluice or pan and, in addition to getting some gold, compete for a prize for the most broken glass collected from the park area. Please use caution, as there is a LOT of broken glass in this historic placer mine. Details to come at the May meeting.

Let me know if we need anything else.

Thanks,

Greg Davis



Board Meeting Minutes From Apr 2011

X	James Long	X	Joe Shubert	X	Joe Fortunato	X	Don Luchtenburg
X	Don Bray	X	Joe Johnston		Terry Weatherly	X	Mike Hurtado
X	Peg Brozek	X	Sue Lemieux	X	Andy Doll		
	Gary Hawley						

Quorum present? Yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to Order at 6:04 by Jim Long.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Mar Minutes were read.

Corrections: Name Hagstetter changed to Sagstetter

Approved as read/corrected: Yes

Treasurer's Report: Read by Jim Long.

Questions: None Approved: Yes

Correspondence: Received 8 e-mails and 3 phone calls from within as well as outside the Club. Rec'd mailing from Highlands Ranch Days scheduled for Sept 8-11, 2011. Discussed e-mail from member Gordon Morgan and his request to resign membership.

Committee Reports: Ed and Gina Fielding announced the need to resign Mem. Committee due to health reasons. Mike Hurtado to fill in until replacement found.. Unpaid members dropped effective 4-20-11. Corporate Report filed with Sec of State and fee paid.

Webmaster: Andy Doll reports 108,215 hits total on the web site, 1,168 since Mar meeting.

Unfinished business: None at this time.

New business: JJ working on possible access to gold claim in Gilpin County as well as possible detector outing in Gilpin County. Will advise if negotiations work out. There was no further new business to discuss at this time.

Planned Outings: As of this date, the following outings are in the planning stages

- May 7,8, Prospecting outing at Point Bar with GPOC members
- May 12, Panning demo for Aurora Youth Water Festival
- June early Don Bray to organize a tour of Calumet Mine in Salida
- June late Sue Lemieux to organize a Mine Tour in Idaho Springs
- June early Greg Davis to organize a prospecting outing in Nederland, Colo
- July late Joe Johnston to try to organize a metal detecting outing
- July/August Jim Long to hold a panning/slucing outing for newer members
- Sept. Jim Long to organize a possible gold prospecting outing
- Sept 9-11 Panning Demo at Highland Ranch Days
- May – Oct Sue Lemieux is arranging various tours to include the Argo Mine, The Heidi Mine, The Lebanon Silver Mine, and the School of Mines Museum.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting May 18, 2011 at 6:00pm.

Next General Meeting May.18, 2011 at 7:00pm

Tonight's general meeting program: A used prospecting equipment swap/sale by members to members conducted in back of room.

Adjournment: Meeting stands adjourned at 6.52pm.

From the Webmaster

If you haven't had a chance to take a look of the videos available on the web site, do so. When we have guest speakers or something special going on at the meetings I will record it and list it here.

New Video – No new videos.

If you have updates for, comments about, or anything else regarding the club website contact the webmaster at: smes3901@hotmail.com

Thanks: Andy Doll

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What event eventually led to the Cherokee "Trail of Tears" in 1839?

2011 GPR Board of Directors Members

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Peg Brozek

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Joe Johnston (2010)

Joe Shubert (2009)

1 Year Board Members

Sue Lemieux

Joe Fortunato

Terry Weatherly

Andy Doll

Don Luchtenburg

Mike Hurtado



General Meeting Minutes From Apr 2011

1. President Jim Long called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.
2. Jim asked Leroy Lamgo to open the meeting by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Jim asked the GPR Board Members to stand up and introduced them to the membership. He then stated that the Board would like to hear input from the membership, be it positive, negative, suggestions and criticism as to how the Board is running the club. Members should feel free to express their comments to any of these Board Members.
4. Jim announced that today's metal prices were as follows: Gold \$1502.73 per t oz, Silver \$45.26 per t oz, Platinum \$1808.00 per t oz. and Palladium \$774.00 per t oz.
5. Jim announced that this month's Website hits total 1168 since the last meeting.
6. Jim stated that according to Peg's Board Meeting Treasurer's Report the club's finances are steadily increasing into the black. He also noted that the club gold reserves are good through the August meeting, but that because of the high gold prices we may have to consider reducing the number of meeting nugget prizes.
7. Jim announced that he is working with a couple of local landowners (Gilpin County) to secure permission for potential club outings. More information to follow later.
8. Jim called on Mike Hurtado for this evening's membership report. Jim stated that Ed and Gina Fielding have had to resign as the Membership Committee because of Gina's health problems. Mike is standing in for them and reported that tonight we have 88 paid memberships, 10 new memberships and 52 in attendance including 5 guests. Jim asked for anyone interested in taking over the Membership Committee, from Ed & Gina, to let Jim know. The volunteer needs to have access to a computer and know how to use or learn MS-Excel. Joe Johnston volunteered the temporary use of a computer, for this purpose, if a volunteer should need it. Thanks Joe.
9. Jim asked, vice president, Don Bray for any VP announcements. Don reported that he has brought a couple of artifacts found last weekend, to "show and tell". One is a top from a "Hole-in cap" tapered meat tin similar to a "Libby & Wilson canned corn beef tin" (patented in 1875). The other artifact is a perforated tin can bottom punched with square nail holes probably from a homemade candle hand lantern. He has also brought a blowup of the Flat City, Alaska 1911 photo, published in the current newsletter, with his article about Elmer Keturi.
10. Jim called on Sue Clover to ask her "Question of the Month" which is, "How much is the US annual average consumption of gold?" Sue will collect your answers to this question during the break and distribute a "Club Nugget" drawing ticket to each person turning in a correct answer.
11. Jim announced that Peg Brozek is selling tickets for a 17.1-gram "Members-Only" large nugget drawing during the break. The drawing will be held at a later date.
12. Jim read the fifth "GPR Cache Clue".
13. Jim announced that the Club Store would be open during the break. Sue Lemieux announced that in addition to the usual store items for sale she is also giving away "free to a good home" grape hyacinth bulbs.
14. Jim asked Sue Lemieux to come forward to announce tonight's "Golden Cupcake Awards" for those with April birthdays. No one admitted to an April birthday so Sue donated the awards to the break refreshment table.
15. Jim announced that we are planning two field trips in June one will be to the Idaho Springs area to the Heidi Mine or Argo Mill and one to the Calumet Iron Mine near Salida. More specific information to follow next month.
16. Jim announced his first panning demonstration day for May 12. This demonstration is for the Aurora Youth Water Festival, at the Community College of Aurora, 6 Ave. and Chambers. This event will require six people. Jim stated that Ed & Gina had signed up for this event and that he needs two additional volunteers replace them. A sign up sheet will be on the front table during the break.
17. Jim announced that previously scheduled USGS map reading & GPS classes have been suspended until further notice.
18. From the floor a member announced that this weekend, April 22 through 24, there is a mineral and fossil dealers show at the Holiday Inn on Bannock Street (4849 N).
19. Jim announced that Big Ben, president of the GPOC, Colorado Springs, has sent him an email stating that they have received BLM & USFS approval for their "Plans of Operations" for their claims on the Arkansas River and on Beaver Creek (Fairplay). To dredge or highbank either of these properties you must join the GPOC, for \$30.00, and purchase a GPOC issued permit, at \$15.00 for each of the two properties. You can also purchase a membership and the permits



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from the “Rock Doc” near Buena Vista. Casual use, as defined by the BLM, on these two properties and their new Twin Lakes area claims has been extended to GPR members on a no-fee basis for 2011. Wear your GPR badge when on their properties. Check it out, in their newsletter, at the GPOC Website:

http://www.gpoc.com/GPOC/Quill_Newsletter/Entries/2011/3/29_The_Quill~_April_2011.html

- 20.** Jim also announced that the GPOC have invited GPR members to attend their “Let’s go Gold Panning” outing May 7th & 8th at their Woody’s 1 & 2 and Prospector’s 1 & 2 Claims near Point Bar. If you plan to use mechanized equipment you will need the permits as above. Again wear your GPR badge when on their properties.
- 21.** Jim announced that tonight’s program is the “Member Swap Meet” during the break, about 45minutes. “Get back there and buy, sell or swap”.
- 22.** Jim announced the meeting refreshment break and Swap Meet, at 7:52. At 8:40 Jim reconvened the meeting.
- 23.** Jim asked Sue Clover to announce the answer for her “Question of the Month” contest. Sue’s correct answer is “Since 1980 consumption of gold has been nearly constant at between 3 and 3.5 million troy ounces per year”. This statement is from a USGS publication titled “Gold”. In tonnes the answer converts to 93.3 to 108,86 tonnes. Only two winning answers were turned in tonight.
- 24.** Chuck Cown, Peggy Brozek, Jim and Don conducted this evening’s “Members-Only” and the “Club-Nugget” drawings. For the “Member’s-Only” drawing, 9 prizes were awarded to members, our thanks go to all who donated tonight’s prizes. Eight nuggets for the “Club-Nugget” drawing were won tonight, the largest being 2.9 gram. The nuggets tonight are from various localities (as noted on the containers).
- 25.** Jim asked for refreshment table volunteers for the May 18 meeting. Sue Lemieux and Lloyd Lauck volunteered. Thanks Sue and Lloyd.
- 26.** Next meeting will be May 18 at 7:00 P.M. The May program is scheduled to be a rerun of the “History Channel” program titled “America’s Gold” from their “How the Earth was Made” series. This program was first viewed at our January 2011 meeting and is being re-shown because of the very light turn out for the January meeting because of bad weather.
- 27.** Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by, Don Bray, Recorder

A Miner’s Laugh

In the small town of Golden Gulch, the local miners were complaining about a gambling grandpa who was taking them for all their earned gold in games of chance. A few of the biggest losers decided to trump up charges that grandpa had cheated them and reported this to the local law. The gambling grandpa had to report to the local lawman to defend himself against the charges. The Sheriff was not surprised when grandpa showed up with a lawyer. The sheriff said, “Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no fulltime employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I’m not sure I believe you got all your money by honest gambling.” “I’m a great gambler and I can prove it,” says grandpa. “How about a demonstration?” The Sheriff, a bit of a gambler himself, thinks for a moment and says, “Okay, go ahead, show me.”

“I’ll bet you 500 in gold coin that I can bite my own eye,” grandpa says. The Sheriff thinks a moment and says “it’s a bet.” Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The Sheriff’s jaw drops. Grandpa says, “Now I’ll bet you 1000 in gold that I can bite my other eye.” The Sheriff can tell that grandpa isn’t blind so he takes that bet as well. Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye. The stunned Sheriff now realizes he has wagered 1500 dollars in gold and lost, with grandpa’s attorney as a witness. He begins to get a little nervous.

“Want to go double or nothing?” grandpa asks. “I’ll bet you 3000 that I can stand on one side of your desk, pee to that spittoon on the other side of your desk and never get a drop anywhere in between.” The Sheriff now twice burned, is cautious, looks carefully and decides there is no way this old guy could possible manage that stunt, so he agrees to the bet again. Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can’t make the stream reach the cuspidor on the other side, so he pretty much urinates all over the Sheriff’s desk. The Sheriff leaps for joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But, grandpa’s own attorney moans and puts his head in his hands. “Are you okay?” the Sheriff asks.



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“Not really,” says the lawyer. “This morning, when grandpa told me he’d been summoned to the Sheriff’s Office to face charges, he bet me 20,000 dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you’d be happy about it..!!”

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Newsorthy Notes Concerning Mining Interests From the Denver Post:

- 3-8-11 Newmont Mining, the largest US gold producer, took a stake in Australia’s Paladin Energy after completing the takeover of Fronteer Gold, a shareholder in the uranium producer. Greenwood Village based Newmont holds a 6.699 stake, about 52 million shares, in Paladin Energy, according to a substantial-shareholder notice filed with the Australian Stock Exchange Wednesday.
- 4-20-11 Gold prices topped \$1500.00 an ounce Tuesday as investors looked for more stable assets because of worries about US government debt, European financial problems and inflation. Gold for June delivery settled at \$1495.10 an ounce Tuesday after hitting \$1500.50 an ounce earlier in the session. May silver rose 95.7 cents to settle at \$43.91 an ounce. The gains came a day after Standard & Poor’s Rating Service lowered its outlook on US government debt.

Another Big Gold Nugget:

A whopping 100-ounce gold nugget found in California last spring (2010) will go to auction March 15, 2011. The mega-find and high gold prices have triggered a new gold rush in them thar hills.

This 100-ounce gold nugget is the largest California nugget still in existence, and could sell for more than twice its gold-value. *Courtesy of Holabird-Kagin Americana*



Sue’s Sluice Box

Argo Mine Tour

When: **Saturday, June 4**

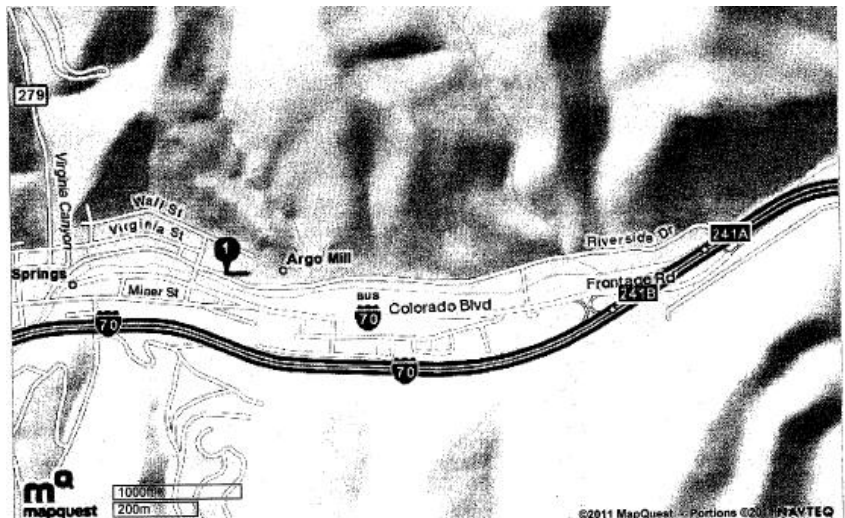
Meeting Time: **9:30am (Tour starts at 10:00am Sharp) In Argo Mine Parking Lot.**

Where: 2350 Riverside Drive, Idaho Springs, CO

Directions: From Denver: Take I-70 West towards Idaho Springs, Take Exit 241A, Head West on Riverside Dr., Idaho Springs

Cost: Adults \$15, Children (7-12) \$7 (Over 20 people it will be \$11.50 for Adults)

The tour begins in their History Room with an informative presentation followed by a short film. We will then be transported up to the Double Eagle Mine, at the top of the Mill. A short level walk (300 feet) into an adit, is an option. Next, you will walk down through the Mill, reading and observing the equipment and processes. Also, there’s a museum at the bottom of the Mill. (If we get 20 or more people for our tour, we will get a personal Guide to take us through the Mill). **Note:** All paid general admissions receive a small bag of “Gold Ore” to pan. (If we have 20 or more people in our group, we get a trough to Pan!) For an additional fee, a bag of “Gemstone Sand” can be purchased (\$6)



In the past, a group of us went to Marion’s Restaurant at 2805 Colorado Blvd, in Idaho Springs, for a delicious Lunch.

Any Questions: Come and talk with me, call 413-668-6008, or e-mail me at slemieu@yahoo.com

I hope you can attend this great educational and fascinating tour!!!!!!!

Sluicin’ Sue



Back in the Days... by Jim Long

GEORGETOWN (Elizabethtown) Part 2

George Griffith left Georgetown after discovering pay dirt in 1859, and went back for help. He returned to the spot with four others. They dug out \$500 in ore in a short time. They then set up shop and called the site Georgetown for George Griffith.

Winter came and the party returned to civilization. Griffith came back to Georgetown in 1860 with his wife, brother, and father. Others followed. Georgetown began to show signs of life again. But the ore was poor in gold. It had plenty of silver, but silver wasn't worth nearly as much as gold unless one found enough to make it worth while. But the prospectors returned, bringing others with them.

By the mid-60's, more than 2000 lived in the area. They lived in two camps;. The other one was named Elizabethtown for George's sister. In 1866, the area was granted a post office and the two camps merged. After some argument, the two camps decided the name would be Georgetown. George set a precedent by bringing in his family early. Unlike other camps, families became an integral part of Georgetown from the beginning. They used the natural beauty of the area, leaving the trees where they were. Good, substantial houses were built, embodying the latest of eastern architecture. Churches and schools were put up early. But no mining camp could keep out the other element. Georgetown was as rough a town as any.

Georgetown laid out a cemetery and was anxious to get it going. But no one condescended to die. So they had to hang a man. Georgetown had one of the most notorious 'gaming' streets in the State, Brownell street. The street had five high class parlor houses and a bevy of saloons and 'gambling hells'. Mollie Dean and Mattie Estes were the leading madams. Mollie was murdered by her jealous lover after she stepped out with another man. Another madam, Jenny Aiken, was burned to death when her parlor house burned down. Shortly before, a miner had been shot to death in her 'shop'. Another miner was shot and killed in a jealous argument over a shady lady.

A man who couldn't read opened up a saloon and hired a sign painter to paint a sign. But the sign painter didn't like the saloon owner so he painted a sign that read 'We sell the worst whiskey, wine and cigars:. But the plan backfired and the sign attracted so much patronage that the saloon keeper left it up, even after he found out what it really said. And there were other social activities.

McClellan Hall, used for all sorts of meetings, was built in 1867. Two years later, the Opera house went up. It was one of the best in the territory and played many big names before it burned down in 1892. It used to stand next to the Hotel de Paris and is now a vacant lot. Georgetown had one of the classiest fire fighting brigades in the state. It took the state championship in 1877 and 1879 and placed high in the competition for several years. Georgetown played host to the state tournament in 1888.

Georgetown declined with the decline in silver prices in the 1890's, but kept going on its gold and other metals. It's continued producing all through the subsequent years. Business picked up with the increase in silver and gold prices in the 1930's.

A couple of coats of brightly colored new paint have been slapped on the city in recent years. And Georgetown is now experiencing its greatest tourist boom. It is still a beautiful and proud little town and certainly an interesting one.

One of Georgetown's most famous attractions is the fabulous Georgetown Loop. It was one of the most daring and difficult railroad projects in the state and during its heyday, as many as seven trains a day carried tourists back and forth between Georgetown and Silver Plume. The Union Pacific began construction of the Loop in 1882 under the supervision of Robert Blickensderfer. The narrow gauge road ran about four and a half miles and climbing 365 feet between the towns. There were 14 curves and a curvature of 18 degrees or more. Some of the curves were directly over the curves below and they were constructed in a spiral fashion to enable the train to gather speed for the steep grades on the straight-away's. It was the closest thing Colorado had to a roller coaster for several years.

Amid much clamor for and against, the Loop was dismantled in 1939 and the tracks were torn up and used in nearby mines for supports.

Excerpts from A Guide to the Colorado Ghost Towns and Mining Camps by Perry Eberhart, 1959

Note: In 1959, the Colorado Historical Society began acquiring land/easements, construction began in 1973, and in 1984, the famed Georgetown Loop was running again and continues to this day.)

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Contact the GPR President

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Coming Announcements and Special Events for June 2011

(WMMI - Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (www.wmmi.org))

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Newsletter Advert/Article Copy Deadline	4 Argo Mine Tour
5 Clean Up Nederland Outing	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15 GPR Club Meeting	16	17	18
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